

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, and 5 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of developing devices each including a developer carrying member for carrying a developer to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on an image bearing member, and a developer regulating member for regulating the developer carried on said developer carrying member;

common voltage applying means for applying a common voltage to said plurality of ~~developer~~ ~~develop~~ ~~our~~ regulating members,

wherein when a first one of said developer carrying members is rotating, and when a second one of said developer carrying members is not rotating, a potential difference between a potential of said second developer carrying member and said common voltage is smaller than a potential ~~voltage~~ difference between a potential of said first developer carrying member and said common voltage.

2. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said image forming apparatus is selectively operable in a first image formation mode in which said first and second developer carrying members are rotated, and in a second image formation mode in which said first developer carrying member is rotated, and said second developer carrying member is not rotated.

3. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein voltages applied to said developer carrying members are variable independently from each other.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein at least during operations of said plurality of developing devices, [[the]] voltages are applied to said developer carrying members, and said developer carrying members are supplied with common voltages by said voltage applying means.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein [[the]] voltages applied to said developer carrying members are respectively variable in accordance with results of detections of densities of reference images formed using respective developer carrying members.

6. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when said second developer carrying member starts to rotate, said second developer carrying member is supplied with a voltage which is closer to a voltage opposite from a charge polarity of the developer than the voltage applied during the developing operation, before said second developer carrying member is supplied with a voltage which is to be applied during the developing operation.

7. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when said second developer carrying member starts to rotate, said second developer carrying member is supplied with a voltage having a polarity which is opposite from a charge polarity of the

developer, before said second developer carrying member is supplied with a voltage which is to be applied during the developing operation.

8. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of image bearing members corresponding to said developing devices, respectively, and said developer carrying members are contactable to associated ones of the image bearing members, respectively, and when said second developer carrying member is not in operation for developing action, said second developer carrying member is at rest, and said second developer carrying member is spaced away from the associated one of the image bearing members, and wherein when said second developer carrying member is in operation for developing action, said second developer carrying member is contacted to the associated one of the image bearing members.

9. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of image bearing members corresponding to said developing devices, respectively, and said developer carrying members are contactable to associated ones of the image bearing members, respectively, and when said second developer carrying member is not in operation for developing action, said second developer carrying member is at rest, and said second developer carrying member is spaced away from the associated one of the image bearing members, and wherein when said second developer carrying member is in operation for developing action, said second developer carrying member is supplied with a developing voltage, and then is contacted to the associated one of the image bearing members.

10. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 8 or 9, wherein said second developer carrying member is spaced away from the associated one of the image bearing members, the image bearing members is not rotated.

11. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the variable voltages applied to said developer carrying members are DC voltages.

12. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of image bearing members corresponding to said developer carrying members, respectively.

13. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein one of said developing devices is provided in a process cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of the image forming apparatus together with the image bearing member.